

REMARKS

Claims 1, 59 and 60 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 1 – 60 are pending.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Oliver.

The rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 1 recites deriving an individual station irrigation schedule based on the landscape information and the environmental information and sending the individual station irrigation schedule to an irrigation control unit. Oliver discloses computing and sending a watering factoring, which represents the amount of change between the reference watering schedule and the new watering schedule (Col 3, lines 23 - 34). The watering factor is not an individual station irrigation schedule.

Claims 2 – 58 depend from Claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Oliver.

The rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 17 recites deriving the irrigation schedule includes balancing usage with other sites. Oliver discloses reading the water balance data file for a site (Col 14, line 52). A water balance file is used to track the moisture content of the soil from day to day (Col 22, lines 54 – 55). Reading the water balance data file for a site is not balancing usage with other sites to derive the irrigation schedule.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Oliver.

The rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 18 recites deriving the irrigation schedule includes providing biasing information. The examiner did not cite a reference in Oliver as a basis for rejection.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 28 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Oliver.

The rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 28 recites providing analysis of water usage to a water agency. The examiner did not cite a reference in Oliver as a basis for rejection.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 50 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Oliver.

The rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 50 recites deriving the irrigation schedule includes accounting for the priority of stations. Oliver discloses using sensor data to adjust the watering factor at the host computer or at the communications and control device (Col 11, lines 51 – 61). Using sensor data to adjust the watering factor is not accounting for the priority of stations to derive the irrigation schedule.

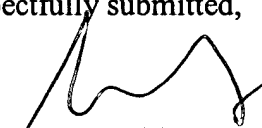
Claim 59 recites a system for carrying out the methods of Claim 1, respectively. Therefore, it is believed that Claim 59 is also allowable.

Claim 60 recites program code for carrying out the methods of Claim 1 respectively. Therefore, it is believed that Claim 60 is also allowable.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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